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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EINV, PINT, DR

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH FERNANDO ALVAREZ BOGAERT

1. DEPT WILL HAVE NOTED FROM OTHER EMBASSY REPORTING THAT FERNANDO ALVAREZ BOGAERT, THE VARY AMBITIOUS AND BRIGHT 33-YEAR-OLD MAN HEADING THE STATE-OWNED SUGAR COMPLEX (CEA) SEEMS TO BE ASSOCIATING WITH SOME POWERFUL DOMINICAN MILITARY FIGURES AND TO BE TAKING A NATIONALIST ANTI-FOREIGN INVESTMENT LINE (EXCEPT TOWARD G&W WITH WHICH HE IS IN CLOSE COLLABORATION). UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES IT SEEMED TIMELY TO HAVE HIM DROP BY.

2. ALVAREZ' ALREADY LARGE EGO HAS BEEN FED SUBSTANTIALLY BY THE PROFITS HIS ORGANIZATION IS DERIVING FROM THE HIGH PRICE OF SUGAR. ONE GAINS THE IMPRESSION THAT NOW MORE THAN EVER HE IS FANCYING HIMSELF AS A MOVER AND SHAKER AND KING-MAKER. IN MY PAST DEALINGS WITH HIM I HAVE BEEN STRUCK BY HIS COMPULSIVE PERSONALITY TRAITS (E.G. A NON-STOP TALKER) WHICH SEEM TO BORDER AT TIMES UPON THE UNSTABLE.

3. DURING AN HOUR-LONG CORDIAL CONVERSATION DURING WHICH ALVAREZ RECALLED HIS US EDUCATION AND FRIENDSHIP FOR THE US, I STRESSED THAT I WAS COUNTING UPON HIS "CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE WITH HIS WIDE RANGE OF CIVILIAN AND MILITARY FRIENDS" TO HELP MAINTAIN A FAVORABLE CLIMATE FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. I CONTINUED THAT THE US COMPANIES THAT  
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HAD INVESTED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WERE BY AND LARGE REASONABLE AND THAT WITH GOOD WILL ON BOTH SIDES REASONABLE

SOLUTIONS TO ISSUES THAT EXISTED OR THAT MIGHT ARISE COULD BE FOUND WITHOUT THE NECESSITY TO RESORT TO NEWSPAPER POLEMICS OR PRESSURE THROUGH LEGISLATION. THE DISCUSSION TURNED TO ALCOA AND IT BECAME OBVIOUS THAT ALVAREZ' VIEWS WERE BASED UPON PARTIAL INFORMATION. AFTER HE WAS BROUGHT MORE FULLY UP TO DATE, HE SAID THAT CONSIDERBLY MORE PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE THAN HE HAD THOUGHT.

4. COMMENT: THIS YOUNG MAN WILL BEAR SOME WATCHING AND WILL REQUIRE FURTHER MASSAGING.  
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